(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the criteria adopted for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) At present there is no proposal of Government of India to introduce sub-classification among Scheduled Castes.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Inclusion of Castes as OBCs/SCs**

3160. DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of States have included certain castes in the Other Backward Classes;

(b) if so, the details of States which have included certain castes in the OBC list;

(c) whether the Central Government have received requests from State Governments to include certain communities in the Scheduled Castes and OBC list;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Twenty three States have such lists of OBCs.

(c) to (e) The proposals for modifications in the list of SCs are processed as per approved modalities. 47 proposals have been referred to the Registrar General of India and 23 proposals have been referred to the National Commission for SCs for their comments.

Proposals/requests from 10 State Governments and 3 UT Administrations for inclusion of castes/communities in the Central List of OBCs are being processed in consultation with National Commission for Backward Classes.